

Minutes Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board December 1, 2016

Minutes of the Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board meeting, held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, 2:00 p.m., in Tempe City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Board Members Present:

Steven Methvin
Bill Goodman
Kelly McMenemy
Jeff Millen
Bill Munch

Board Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Renie Broderick, Internal Services Director
Wendy Messina, HR Program Coordinator
Susan Buck, Executive Assistant

Legal Counsel Present:

Cynthia Kelley

Chair Steven Methvin called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

ITEM I – Consideration of Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Jeff Millen to approve the October 6, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes and the October 6, 2016 Executive Session Minutes; second by Bill Goodman. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

ITEM II - Public Appearances:

Lt. Kerby Rapp from the Tempe Police Department addressed the Board, noting that he would be happy to answer any questions that the Board may have regarding Agenda Item VI, the Return to Work of Adriana Ortega and Bill Stuebe. There were no questions from the Board.

ITEM III - Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary:

No executive session held.

ITEM IV – New Members:

Motion by Kelly McMenemy to accept the new member application of **Fidencio A. Armenta**, with pre-existing conditions as noted, provided that staff obtains clarification regarding which limbs were broken and notes it for the file; and the new member applications of **Julio C. Chavez** and **Daniel J. Gaughan**, both with pre-existing conditions as noted; second by Jeff Millen. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

ITEM V – Prior Service / Transfer of Service (Acknowledgement only; no action taken)

The Board acknowledged the following prior service / transfer of service:

- **William Cullins** – 0.224 years (Military)
- **Blake Dunn** – 0.105 years (Arizona State Retirement System)
- **Gabriel Rojel** – 0.115 years (Arizona State Retirement System)

Jeff Millen asked whether we would be seeing service purchase acknowledgements monthly now since payroll deduction is an option. Wendy Messina, HR Program Coordinator, noted that the State Administrator's Office only sends the prior service acknowledgement letter when the purchase or transfer is completed.

Board Legal Counsel Cynthia Kelley stated that the Board's role is to acknowledge the service purchase or transfer, not to approve it.

ITEM VI – Return to Work:

Local Board Secretary Renie Broderick stated that there are two contract positions that the Police Department wants to fill with retired members. Neither member was employed by Tempe; Adriana Ortega retired from the City of Mesa and Bill Stuebe retired from the City of Phoenix. There is no reason why they could not be a rehired retiree at the City of Tempe; their Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) pension will not be affected.

Kelly McMenemy asked if their pensions were based on disability. Ms. Messina stated that she checked with the State Administrator's office and the pensions are not disability benefits.

Motion by Kelly McMenemy to approve the return to work of **Adriana Ortega** and **Bill Stuebe**; second by Jeff Millen. Motion passed on a voice vote, 5-0.

ITEM VII – Status Update on Denial of Application for Accidental Disability Benefits:

Ms. Broderick stated that John O. Rall has not submitted a written appeal for the denial of his disability claim. December 5, 2016 is the end date of Mr. Rall's 60-day appeal period.

ITEM VIII – Future Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2017.

ITEM IX - Future Agenda Items:

Boardmember Millen requested that an item be added to the next agenda to consider whether new Police Officers should be a member of PSPRS from the date of hire, instead of upon graduation from Police Academy.

Ms. Broderick stated that Tempe Firefighters are members of PSPRS from point of hire, but Tempe Police Officers are members of ASRS at point of hire, then become a member of PSPRS four months later, when they graduate academy.

Boardmember Millen stated that when he was hired, he went immediately into PSPRS, but that practice was changed in the 1990s and there should be a record of the change in Board meeting minutes from that time.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kelly McMenemy; second by Jeff Millen. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Renie Broderick
Local Board Secretary